REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted with a request for continued examination. Claims 19-37 are pending. Claims 1-18 are canceled. The Office Action rejects Claims 19-21, 23, 26, 29, 30, 32, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,061,646 to Martino ("Martino"). Claims 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 33, 34, 36, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martino in view of U.S. Pat. No. 7,130,801 to Kitahara ("Kitahara").

Applicants have amended several claims as set forth in the above listing of amended claims to more particularly and distinctly claim the invention. These amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification. Claims 19, 20, 26, 28, 32, and 34 have been canceled and thus the rejections of those claims are rendered moot. New independent Claims 38-40 have been added and are fully supported by the originally filed specification. In light of the amendments and subsequent remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

New Independent Claims 38-40 are in Condition for Allowance

New independent Claim 38 is directed to an apparatus comprising at least one processor and at least one memory storing computer program code. The at least one memory and stored computer program code are configured, with the at least one processor, to cause the apparatus to at least determine a language selected for a first user interface. The at least one memory and stored computer program code are configured, with the at least one processor, to further cause the apparatus to determine, based at least in part on the language selected for the first user interface, one or more language packages associated with the language selected for the first user interface. The one or more language packages are determined from among a plurality of available language packages. Each of the plurality of language packages is associated with a plurality of languages. At least some of the plurality of languages are associated with more than one of the plurality of language packages. The at least one memory and stored computer program code are configured, with the at least one processor, to additionally cause the apparatus,

when only one language package is determined to be associated with the language selected for the first user interface, to select the determined language package for use by a speech recognition system. The at least one memory and stored computer program code are configured, with the at least one processor, to also cause the apparatus, when multiple language packages are determined to be associated with the language selected for the first user interface, to determine a language selected for a second user interface and select one of the determined language packages based on the language selected for the first user interface and the language selected for the second user interface for use by the speech recognition system. New independent Claims 39 and 40 are directed to a method and computer program product, respectively, and though each has its own respective scope, recite substantially similar features.

Support for new independent Claims 38-40 may be found at least in Fig. 4 of the application. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references, including Mantino and Kitahara, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest each of the features of any of Claims 38-40. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 38-40 are patentably distinct from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, and are in condition for allowance.

The Rejection of the Dependent Claims is Overcome

Because each of the dependent claims includes each of the recitations of a respective independent base claim, Applicants further submit that the dependent claims are patentably distinguishable from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, for at least those reasons discussed above. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the dependent claims are overcome and the dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amended claims and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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